

**The Haverfordwest Local Ministry Area**  
**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May: Easter 4**

**Receiving Communion**

*Anyone who is baptised in the Name of the Trinity is welcome to receive Communion in this church. When you come to receive, hold out your hands and you will be given bread and wine. If you would like a blessing instead, please indicate by holding your service book in your hands. Children under 5 can receive the bread. Over 5's may receive either bread and wine or the bread alone as parents decide. If you are not yet baptised, please speak to us. We would love to welcome you into the family of the Church.*

**COLLECT**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING (Acts 2:42–47)**

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM (Psalm 23)**

The Lord / is my / shepherd :  
therefore / can I / lack / nothing.

He makes me lie down in / green / pastures :  
and / leads me be/side still / waters.

He shall re/fresh my / soul :  
and guide me in the paths of righteousness / for his / name's / sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will / fear no / evil :  
for you are with me;  
your / rod and your / staff, they / comfort me.

You spread a table before me  
in the presence of / those who / trouble me :  
you have anointed my head with oil / and my / cup shall be / full.

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me  
all the / days of my / life :  
and I will dwell in the / house of the / Lord for / ever.

### **SECOND READING (1 Peter 2:19–25)**

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL (Luke 24:13-35)**

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him

because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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### **Messy Church in Haverfordwest Local Ministry Area**

**We are soon hoping to start a Messy Church in Haverfordwest, which will travel around different parts of the ministry Area. You may have heard of Messy Church in other places. Messy Church is fun church for everyone of all ages. Lots of families enjoy getting together for Messy Church. A Bible story makes the theme for each meeting. There are games, craft activities, the Bible story, songs and food which we share together. We would love to tell you more. But to start a Messy Church, we need your help! If you are interesting in knowing more or being involved, I would love to hear from you – Alun.**

## Next week's Notices

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May

**6:00pm Parish Choral Evensong** at St Martins Haverfordwest

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May

**10:00am Mass** followed by coffee at St Martins

**4:00pm Junior Singers** at St Marys

**7:00pm St Martins DCC** at the Baring–Gould Room

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May

**11:00am Holy Eucharist** followed by tea and toast at St Marys

**12:00pm Lunchtime talk: 'Call the Midwife' by Margaret Robinson** at St Marys

### Easter 5: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May

**8:00am Low Mass** at St Martins, Haverfordwest

**9:30 Sung Parish Mass** at St Martins

**10:15am Holy Eucharist** at St Ismaels, Camrose

**11:15am Sung Parish Eucharist with guest preacher, Bishop Joanna** at St Marys, Haverfordwest

**1:00pm Friends of St Marys Lunch** at The Glen Hotel

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